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born in Honolulu, Hawaii, retired Army Sgt. Major John "Butch" Cullen Fernandez of Marina, passed away peacefully on November 23, 2017, surrounded by his family. "Butch" John Cullen Fernandez was a proud 32 year Army Veteran who served with the 82nd Airborne Division, the 25th Infantry Division, 1st Special Forces (ABN) -3rd Special Forces Detached to Korea and Thailand, 4th ROTC Region - University of Davis, 2nd Infantry Division Korea, 7th Infantry Division, G3, Ford Ord. He retired as the Post Sgt. Major at Fort Ord. He has been awarded numerous commendations including the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster for Valor, the Combat Infantry Badge, Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Viet Nam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, the Air Medal, the Purple Heart and an Army Commendation Medal with 2 Oak leaf clusters to name a few. He was also named Veteran of the Year in 2015. After serving his country, Butch served as a IROTC instructor at Seaside High School for 20+ years. In 2017, Butch and his wife Lei were named Marina's Man and Woman of the year for their numerous contributions to their city. He was heavily involved in the annual City of Marina Veteran's Day Parade and could be seen driving his 1926 Ford Phaeton in the parade with his wife and grandsons as well as at numerous local car shows. He is survived by his devoted wife of 64 years, Letittia "Lei" Ko'omakawailani and daughters Dawn Nawahine Camacho (Joe) of West Hills, Pat-Lynn Maliawahinekelio'okamalu Cullen Jaurigue (Steve) of Salinas and Letittia (Sukoshi) Leina'ala Moana (Pat) of Marina. He is preceded in death by son Bryson Ka'alaiki Fernandez (Reiko) of Wai'ahole, Hawaii. He is also survived by 8 grandchildren - Brandi, Ramie, Bryan, Joey, Keoni, Kaulana, Po'okela, and Koapaka and 8 great-grandchildren - Robbie, Sina, Sarina, Sunny, Brynn, Brayson, Logan and Eden. Survived by sister Sylvia "Kina" Fernandez and brother, Robert (Bobby) Fernandez.



Events

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Visitation

Monday, January 29, 2018

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM HST

Hawaiian Memorial Park Mortuary at Valley of the Temples

47-200 Kahekili Highway, Kaneohe HI 96744



Service

Monday, January 29, 2018

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM HST

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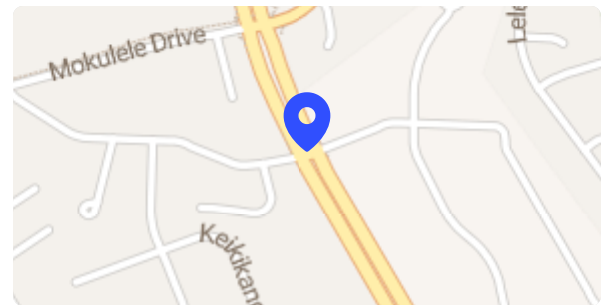
Committal Service

Monday, January 29, 2018

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM HST

Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery

45-349 Kamehameha Hwy, Kaneohe HI 96744





Tribute Wall

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Sid Williams posted:

A warrior, a mentor, a proud veteran, a man of community and family and my friend. A true American Hero. Rest In Peace my friend.Sid Williams.

January 15 at 10:38 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Sgt. Major John by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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